

Media Advisory

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NOAA Weather Radio Station at Ringsted Will be Dedicated on July 8th, 2004

A dedication to celebrate the new NOAA Weather Radio Station in Ringsted, Iowa, will be held on Thursday, July 8, 2004 at 1:30 PM at the Ringsted Community Hall in Ringsted. Community members, Emergency Management coordinators, representatives from the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the National Weather Service will speak and answer questions at the dedication. Media partners and the general public are welcome to attend.

The new NOAA Weather Radio station is now serving parts of six Iowa and two Minnesota counties around Ringsted. WNG-688 began transmitting weather information on June 8, 2004. The preliminary broadcast-service area includes **Emmet, Palo Alto, Kossuth, Humboldt, Hancock and Winnebago counties in Iowa and Faribault and Martin counties in Minnesota**. A field signal survey will determine the final broadcast service area, which will be announced in a subsequent media advisory.

The new NOAA Weather Radio station is broadcasting from the Ringsted Telephone Company radio tower in Ringsted which is a willing partner in keeping parts of northwest Iowa and southwest Minnesota informed about hazardous weather.